

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2013

The January 13, 2013 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president.

There were 11 in attendance.

The minutes from the October 14, 2012, meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported the Friends had received donations in honor of Nancy Collins and David Butler and a donation and note of appreciation in honor of Maureen Harrell. Her summary report for 2012 included total outflows of \$7,066.38 and a total cash balance of \$26,339.23. The cash balance includes \$10,602.65 in checking, \$5,736.58 in savings, and a 37 month CD with a face value of \$10,000.00 which matures November 8, 2013. Joyce also reported that our most recent deposit from the printer was \$118.00. Janis Augustine reports that the new printer system is well used and saves the staff time for other matters.

OLD BUSINESS

The Library has still not been able to hold the astronomy program which had been rescheduled for fall 2012.

At the October meeting we heard from a Roanoke College student interested in the old French law book. She was able to photocopy the pages of interest for her purposes under the supervision of Janis Augustine. Fail Evans and Elaine Budde are still looking for guidance on the book's value. Janis does not have a value yet on the old book taken to the Library of Virginia for evaluation.

Fast Signs repaired the book sale banner for free and the City of Salem will deal with the damage where the banner hangs.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ken Sosnowski expressed the condolences of the group to Alice and Bob Paine on the death of their son. Bob Paine mentioned Friends and the Salem Library and the Salem Food Pantry for memorial gifts.

Charlie Draper mentioned he had several items on hand and could use one or two short articles to complete the newsletter. The deadline is January 21.

A question was asked about the next Roanoke Valley Reads. Janis said that she was not involved in the book selection and we had not been asked to help with the program. The Library book club will read the selection.

Janis Augustine presented Library requests and related issues. For Olde Salem Days we could have free use of a Rotary tent which could be used for publicity purposes and some small part of the book sale. She asked us to think about the need for a new microfilm reader and printer system. The current price of the machine needed is \$9,040.00. The printer at the desk would be used and the computer needed would come from the City. The purchase would not be made before July 1. She asked us to think about the request for now. She also mentioned that as of January 13 library funds in the governor's budget had not been cut.

Sara Ahalt moved that we appropriate \$350.00 for legislative liaison funding when we receive our yearly request. Charlie Draper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joyce Foster brought up how low our returns are on savings and the CD. She mentioned a Schwab fund the Boy Scouts are using for better returns. Discussion included whether this type of investment is workable for our type of group and the risk issue. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Election of Officers and Directors

Sara Ahalt moved we accept the slates as proposed. Betty Waldron seconded the motion. The slates were elected unanimously.

Officers: President – Ken Sosnowski
Vice President – Charlie Draper
Secretary – Susan Ahalt
Treasurer – Joyce Foster

Board of Directors – Chris Gladden
Sara Ahalt
Dr. Robert Paine, Jr.
Helen Robertson
Betty Waldron

The election led to a brief discussion of the role of the board of directors. The board is required by our tax status. One official duty of the group would be to disband the group. The group has been used for consultation between meetings. Ken suggested we think about this issue with the possibility of considering a job description at the next meeting or forming a committee to study the issue.

2013 Dates of Importance

March 10 – regular meeting
May 19 – Art Show
July 14 – regular meeting
September 13, 14, and 15 – book sale
October 13 – regular meeting

The meeting was adjourned.